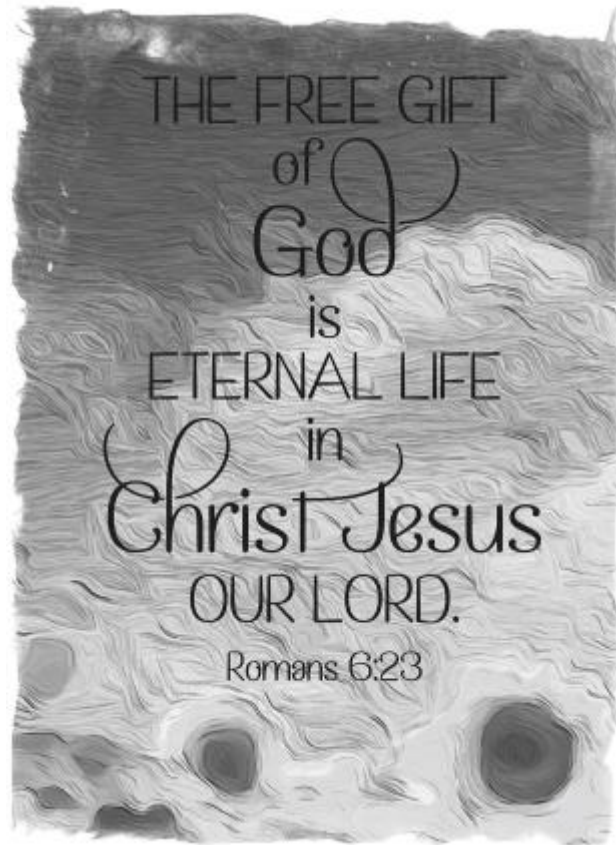


AUGUST 20, 2017



Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Rev. Fr. Steven D. Spencer, Pastor
“Forward with the Cross”

The Service of Word and Sacrament

The Call To Worship

P: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (*Psalm 122:1*) Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

C: **Silent prayer and meditation.**

Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us Your Holy Spirit who writes the preached Word into our hearts. May we receive and believe it and be cheered and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify Your Word in our hearts and make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, through Your Holy Spirit think what is right, and by Your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen. (Luther's Prayer)

OPENING HYMN #339 (1-4) "Today Your Mercy Calls Me"

1 Today your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

2 Today your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised:
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits.
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without you
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,

To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord .

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **♪ Christ, have mercy.**

P: For the well-being of Your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:

C: **♪ Amen.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.

C: **♪ O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, You crown our life with Your love. You take away our sin; You comfort our spirit; You make us pure and holy in Your sight. You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, You came to live with us; You made Your Father known; You washed us from our sins in Your own blood. You are the King of glory; You are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.**

Prayer of the Day

P: We call upon You, O God, and You will hear our voice; You have delivered our souls in peace from the battle waged against us. Indeed, You shall hear us and afflict our enemies, even our Old Evil Foe. We cast all our burdens upon You, O LORD, and You will sustain us. Give ear to our prayer, O God; and do not hide from our supplication.

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Your grace that we, running the way of Your commandments, may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through, Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **♪ Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

JEREMIAH 7:1-7. The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, “Stand in the gate of the Lord’s house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the Lord!’” Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, “Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.’ For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.”

PSALM 62 🎵

Refrain:

The mighty Lord is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm:

My soul finds rest in /God alone;*

My salvation /comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal’vation,*

He is my fortress, I will never be /shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in /God alone;*

My hope /comes from Him.

Refrain:

The mighty Lord is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm:

Though your rich’es increase,*

Do not set your /heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de’pend on God;*

He is my might rock, my /refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O /people;*

Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our /refuge.

Glory be to the Father and /to the Son*

And to the Holy /Spirit,

As it was in the be’ginning,*

Is now, and will be forever. /Amen

Refrain:

The mighty Lord is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading (EHV 251-252)

FIRST CORINTHIANS 12:4-11. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Verse of the Day

P: Keep us, O LORD, as the apple of Your eye; hide us under the shadow of Your wings.

C: **Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; let Your eyes behold me in equity. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O LORD God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before You. Hallelujah!

C: 🎵 **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Gospel (EHV 120)

LUKE 19:41-48. When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a robbers' den." And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.

C: 🎵 **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

SERMON HYMN #337 (1-3) "Delay Not! Delay Not"

1 Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!
The waters of life are now flowing for you.
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.
Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.

2 Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

3 Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,
Long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight
And leave you in darkness to finish your race,
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.

"The Time of Your Visitation!" (EHV 120)

LUKE 19:43-44. 43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, **44** and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of The Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through

Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Prayers of the Church

O Most merciful and all-wise God; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, You fill the universe and rule over it in majesty! We thank You for giving us Your Holy Word which makes us able to know You and worship You as our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.

Continue, dear LORD, to love, cherish, and protect us. Defend us especially from the attacks of our old evil foes – Satan, this world, and our own sinful selves. Keep us always in the one, true, and saving faith, and thus on our way to eternity with You in heaven. Allow Christ to be our Mediator at Your heavenly throne, and so hear and answer all our prayers and permit us to live out our days here on this earth under Your care and guidance.

Cover us with the blood of Jesus, so that our sins may be blotted from Your sight forever. Give us then the comfort that comes from knowing that we are indeed forgiven and that You are truly at peace with us. Let this comfort replace any cares or worries which this world tries to impose on us, so that our souls find rest in You alone.

Keep us always faithful and true to Your pure Word. Continue the true preaching of the Word and the right administration of Christ's Sacraments among us, so that we may be guided in all holiness and spiritual gifts, and so extend the reach of the Gospel and the glory of Your most holy Name! We ask all this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to Whom with You and the Holy Spirit, one true Triune God be glory and praise, honor and reverence, now and always. *We pray...* **Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those Who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns.

P: The Lord be with you.

C:  **And also with you.**


P: Lift up your hearts.

C:  **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C:  **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In perfect unity with His Son and the Holy Spirit, He is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C:  Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt You. I will give You thanks, for You have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory.

Words of Institution


P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always."

C:  Amen.

Agnus Dei

C:  O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.

Exhortation to Communion

P: "Who, then, receives this Sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are a good external discipline,

C: But he is truly worthy and well prepared who believes these words: 'for you,' and 'for the forgiveness of sins.'

P: On the other hand, he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared, for the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts." (*Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism, Part VI – The Sacrament of the Altar, Question Four*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #312 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see
Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere
And with your congregation.

Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Personal Prayer Before Holy Communion

My Lord Christ, I have fallen, I would gladly be strong. For this purpose You have instituted the sacrament, that with it we may rekindle and strengthen our faith and be helped. Therefore I am to receive it. Behold, Lord, it is Your Word. My weakness and failings are known to You. You, Yourself, have said: "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) I now come to be helped.

Amen.

Personal Prayer After Communion

I thank You, almighty Lord God, that You have refreshed us with this precious gift, and ask for Your mercy that You would let it nurture in us strong faith toward You and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen. (Luther's Prayers)

Thanksgiving

C: 🎵 **Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He renews His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge and seal of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎵 **Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: 🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #461 (1-4) "From Eternity, O God"

1 From eternity, O God,
In your Son you did elect me.
Therefore, Father, on life's road
Graciously to heav'n direct me;
Send to me your Holy Spirit
That his gifts I may inherit.

2 Born alive but dead in sin,
Lost to all good things by nature,
I was found and changed within
And became a new-born creature.
Sinful flesh works ruination,
But the Spirit works salvation.

3 Drive away the gloomy night
Of my darkened mind's reflection.
Quench all thoughts that are not right;
Hold my reason in subjection.
For your truth may I be yearning,
Heav'nly wisdom ever learning.

4 As a branch upon a vine,
In my blessed Lord implant me;
Ever of my head divine
To remain a member grant me.
Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior,
Be my life and love forever!

NEXT WEEK ----

August 27, 2017 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Theme: "Went to His House Justified" Luke 18:14

PLEASE JOIN us for coffee, juice, and snacks after worship service.

NO BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS or ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week.

Week of Ministry in Southeast Arizona

SUNDAY	9:00	Classes
	10:25	Worship
	11:30	Fellowship